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SUBJ : INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIRS-NIGERIA

REF: STATE 93944

1. TRADE FAIR DIRECTOR TOLD EMBOFF APRIL 13 THAT MINISTRY OF
TRADE WILL NOT RPT NOT HOLD AN INTERNATIONAL TRADE FAIR THIS
YEAR BUT HE EXPECTS TO HEAR APRIL 26 WHDTHET HE CAN GO AHEAD
WITH THREE SPECIALIZED AND RESTRICTED EVENTS HE HAS RECOMMENDED
FOR 1979, THE FIRST EVENT TO TAKE PLACE NO EARLIER THAN APRIL:

- A. AGRICULTURE AND FOOD FAIR
- B. TEXTILE EXHIBTION (ECOWAS COUNTRIES ONLY)
- C. PETROLEUM PRODUCTS FAIR.

2. ONLY ABOUT FIVE LEADING COUNTRIES WOULD BE INVITED TO PAR-
TICIPATE IN A AND C. ATTENDANCE WOULD BE LIMITED TO BUYERS
AND EXPERTS. PURPOSE OF EVENTS A AND C IS TRANSFER TO NIGERIA
OF BEST TECHNOLOGY IN AGRICULTURE AND FOOD PROCESSING AND IN
UTILIZATION OF PETROLEUM BY-PRODUCTS AND WASTE PRODUCTS, HE SAID.
RECENT LAGOS FAIR WAS CRITICIZED FOR ENCOURAGING NIGRIANS TO
IMPORT MANUFACTURES AND FOOD THEY SHOULD BE PRODUCING THEMSELVES.

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3. SINCE THERE NO DECISION ON THESE EVENTS YET, WE DO NOT KNOW
IF US WOULD BE INVITED. IF INVITED, WE SHOULD ACCEPT SPEEDILY.
IF NOT INVITED, WE MAY WISH TO ASK FOR INVITATION. FIRST,
HOWEVER, WE WOULD LIKE TO KNOW IF USDOC IS AGREEABLE IN PRINCIPLE
TO PARTICIPATING IN EVENTS A AND C. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY
APRIL 24.

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